

REMARKS

In the outstanding official action, the abstract of the disclosure was objected to as not commencing on a separate sheet. In response, a new abstract is provided herewith and is presented on a separate sheet as required.

Claims 13, 14, 15 and 18 were objected to because of the noted informalities. In response, the indicated claims are herewith amended to correct the noted informalities, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now in proper form.

Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite due to the recitation of a broad range or limitation together with a narrow range or limitation that falls within the broad range in the same claim. In order to remedy this point of indefiniteness, claims 13 and 14 are herewith amended to recite a single range or limitation for each recited parameter, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims, as herewith amended, now fully comply with the requirements of §112.

On the merits, claims 13-15 were deemed to be allowable if placed in proper form, while the remaining claims were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited and applied references and for the reasons of record. In response, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are clearly patentably

distinguishable over the cited and applied references for the reasons detailed below. Accordingly, the allowable claims have not been placed in independent form at the present time, pending a final determination of patentability of the base claim.

More particularly, it is admitted in the Action, that Kim et al fails to disclose at least one writing coil supported by the platform and at least one of the spring wires being connected in series with the writing coil to affectively act as a conductor for writing coil drive signals, but that Burroughs overcomes this deficiency by disclosing a writing coil mounted to the bottom of an objective lens holder, although it is admitted that this reference fails to teach that the lens holder is mounted on a suspended platform. Further, it was suggested that it would have been obvious to mount the objective lens holder and writing coil as taught by Burroughs onto the suspended platform as taught by Kim.

In response, it is respectfully submitted that it would not be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the cited teachings in the manner suggested absent the benefit of hindsight derived from the instant disclosure. More particularly, as admitted in the Action, Kim fails to disclose that a writing coil may be supported by the platform with a spring wire connected in series with the writing coil to act as a conductor as well as a spring support therefore. Although Burroughs teaches that a

writing coil may be mounted to the bottom of an objective lens holder (but fails to teach that the lens holder is mounted on a suspended platform) there is no suggestion in Burroughs that spring wires be connected in series with the writing coil, which is supported by the platform, such that the spring wires both movably couple the platform to the actuator base and also act as a conductor for writing coil drive signals.

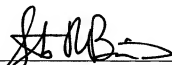
It is respectfully submitted that a more reasonable interpretation of the cited and applied art, absent the benefit of hindsight, would be that while spring wires may be used to support or connect other components, writing coils are to be mounted differently and not configured as disclosed and recited in the instant application.

Furthermore, it is noted that the instant invention provides a commercially advantageous configuration in which high frequency writing coil drive signals are transferred from the coil driver to the writing coil which is supported by the platform without using a dedicated wire for this purpose, but rather by using a spring wire which then serves a dual electrical and mechanical function (see page 2 of the instant specification).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims are now in proper form and fully comply with the requirements of §112, and furthermore define an

invention which is clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, allowance of the instant application is respectfully submitted to be justified at the present time, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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